

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

PhD, Public Health Sciences, Health Policy and Administration, University of Illinois Chicago, 2017
Dissertation Title: The Effect of Medicare Part B Therapy on Skilled Nursing Facility Residents

MPA, Master of Public Administration, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, 1988

BS, Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago, 1980

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2022 to present **University of Illinois Chicago, Department of Occupational Therapy**
Clinical Professor Emerita - retired (9/22 - present)

1988 - 2022 **University of Illinois Chicago, Department of Occupational Therapy**

Academic Rank and Title

Clinical Professor (8/18 – 8/22)

Clinical Associate Professor (9/01 - 8/18)

Clinical Assistant Professor (9/96 - 8/01)

Clinical Instructor (9/88 - 8/96)

Administrative Position and Title

Associate Department Head for Administration (9/02 – 8/22)

Coordinator of Entry-Level OTD Admissions (8/21 – 8/22)

Director of Professional Program Admissions (9/88 – 8/21)

Director of Entry-Level Education (9/00 - 8/02)

Director of Undergraduate Education (9/93 - 8/00)

Coordinator of Entry-Level Education (9/89 - 8/92)

1984 - 1988 **Wood River Township Hospital** - Director of Occupational Therapy (1984-88) and
Director of Occupational Health (8/87-8/88)

1980 - 1984 **Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center of Joliet** - Coordinator of Occupational Therapy and
Staff Occupational Therapist

HONORS AND AWARDS

October 2020 Illinois Occupational Therapy Association (ILOTA) Honorary Lifetime Member
Award, honoring those who have performed distinguished service in the field of
occupational therapy and had a lasting impact on occupational practice in Illinois,
includes lifetime membership in ILOTA.

May 2020 Nominated as Honors College Faculty Fellow of the Year by one of my Honors
College advisees

June 2019	UIC Award for Excellence in Teaching, sole nominee from the college, awarded to five faculty across the university to recognize an outstanding commitment to teaching and learning
July 2017	Excalibur Award for excellence in teaching, mentoring and professional involvement, selected by the graduating OT MS class students as the one awardee for their cohort
December 2016	Applied Health Sciences Educator of the Year, UIC College of Applied Health Sciences
April 2016	Service Commendation, American Occupational Therapy Association
July 2015	Alumni Loyalty Award, University of Illinois Alumni Association
April 2015	Inducted as a founding member of the Leaders and Legacies Society of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, following invitation
May 2014	Alumni Loyalty Award, UIC College of Applied Health Sciences
April 2012	Fellow, American Occupational Therapy Association
April 2012	Nominated for UIC Student Organization Advisor of the Year by the President of the Pre-OT Club, one of 7 advisors nominated campus-wide
January 2012	Educator of the Year, College of Applied Health Sciences, Department of Occupational Therapy
November 2009	UIC College of Applied Health Sciences Alumni Board Gratitude award, given to two faculty in the college who have provided outstanding alumni outreach and support
December 2008	UIC Teaching Recognition Award, awarded to 12 faculty campus-wide, in recognition of outstanding commitment and achievement in teaching
October 2007	Humanitarian of the Year Award, UIC College of Applied Health Sciences, for “tireless service to the local community”, specifically community partner El Valor
October 1993	Public Awareness Award from the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association, awarded to the Archives Committee
June 1990	Excalibur Award for Teaching Excellence from the Student Council of the College of Associated Health Professions, University of Illinois Chicago
October 1984	Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Board Award of Merit, given to an Executive Board member who has demonstrated exceptional performance and commitment to the board.
June 1981	University of Illinois Occupational Therapy Department Award, given to one graduating senior in occupational therapy in recognition of personal and professional achievement.
March 1980	Beatrice D. Wade Award, given to one occupational therapy senior demonstrating educational excellence and commitment to the profession.

FUNDED GRANTS

10/01 – 2/07	Co-Investigator for Allied Health, Midwest Center for Health Workforce Studies, a multidisciplinary project funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. The Allied Health portion provided funding to conduct a series of quantitative and qualitative investigations regarding the supply of and demand for occupational and physical therapists across the U.S. PI: Surrey Walton, PhD. Total award: \$1,250,000, Allied Health portion: \$125,000.
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- 7/01 – 6/05 Project Coordinator and co-author of a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration to better prepare allied health students to work with underserved urban populations, and to recruit underrepresented minority students into allied health. Project Director: Christine Helfrich, PhD. Total award: \$343,100.
- 9/99 – 9/01 Co-Investigator for Occupational Therapy for the Illinois Center for Health Workforce Studies, a multidisciplinary project funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. My focus was on Illinois and national trends in the occupational therapy workforce. PI: Judy Cooksey, MD, MPH. Total award: \$700,000, OT portion: \$30,000.
- 9/97 – 8/01 Project Coordinator and co-author of a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration to better prepare allied health students to work with underserved urban populations. Project Director: Gary Kielhofner, DrPH. Total award: \$395,317.
- 10/93 - 9/97 Co-Project Director and co-author of a competitive renewal of the first training grant from RSA (below), with an emphasis on preparing occupational therapy students to implement the Americans with Disabilities Act. Project Director: Gary Kielhofner, DrPH. Total award: \$294,741.
- 10/90 – 9/93 Project Coordinator and co-author of a U.S. Department of Education training grant awarded by the Rehabilitation Services Administration to develop the baccalaureate curriculum in work-related rehabilitation and to select and supervise student trainees. Project Director: Gary Kielhofner, DrPH. Total award: \$230,982.

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

My research and scholarship has focused on two areas. Applying occupational therapy models and theories in practice has been a major focus of my work, including assessment development, book chapters, publications, and presentations. My dissertation research and some of my grant funded work addresses the impact of health care policies and payment on access to occupational therapy and demand for occupational and physical therapists. Many of my publications and presentations included MS, OTD and PhD students.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Refereed Journals (most recent listed first)

*** denotes the author was a student at the time the article was published**

*Epley, E. E., *Wolske, J., Lee, J., Mirza, M., & **Fisher, G.** (2021). Habits and health promotion in occupational therapy: A scoping review. *Annals of International Occupational Therapy*, 4(4):e269–e277. <https://doi.org/10.3928/24761222-20210921-04>

Robinson, M., Koverman, B., Becker, C., Ciancio, K., **Fisher, G.** & *Saake, S. (2021). Lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic: Occupational therapy on the front line. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*;75(2):7502090010. <https://doi.org/10.5014/ajot.2021.047654>

*Lin, T. T., & **Fisher, G.** (2020). Applying the Model of Human Occupation during the pandemic stay-at-home order. *The Open Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 8(4), 1-7. <https://doi.org/10.15453/2168-6408.1770> (first author was an MS and OTD student)

- Pritchard, K. T., **Fisher, G.**, *McGee Rudnitsky, K., & *Ramirez, R. D. (2019). Health Policy Perspectives—Policy and payment changes create new opportunities for occupational therapy in acute care. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 73, 7302109010. <https://doi.org/10.5014/ajot.2018.732002>
- Killian, C., **Fisher, G.**, & Muir, S. (2015). Primary care: A new context for the Scholarship of Practice model. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*. 29 (4): 383-396. DOI: 10.3109/07380577.2015.1050713
- *Wong, S. & **Fisher, G.** (2015). Comparing and using occupation-focused models. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*. 29 (3): 297–315. DOI: 10.3109/07380577.2015.1010130
Note: This paper is the most popular article of the journal with over 70,000 views.
- Fisher, G.** & *Friesema, J. (2013). Implications of the Affordable Care Act for occupational therapy practitioners providing services to Medicare recipients. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*. 67:502-506. doi:10.5014/ajot.2013.675002
- Fisher, G.** & *Kayhan, E. (2012). Developing the Residential Environment Impact Survey instruments through faculty-practitioner collaboration. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*, 26(4):224–239.
- Parkinson, S., **Fisher, G.**, & Fisher, J. (2011) Development of an occupation-focused home assessment for use in mental health services. *Mental Health Occupational Therapy*, 16 (1), 8-11. (A publication of the British Occupational Therapy Association).
- Walton, S., Mott, D., Knapp, K., & **Fisher, G.** (2011). A new analysis of pharmacy graduates and new pharmacy schools from 2000- 2009: Was graduate growth associated with pharmacist counts? *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education*, 72 (4), Article 63.
- Braveman, B., **Fisher, G.**, & Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2010). "Achieving the Ordinary Things": A Tribute to Gary Kielhofner. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*. 64:6.
- *Lee, S.W., Taylor, R, Kielhofner, G., & **Fisher, G.** (2008). Theory Use in Practice: A National Survey of Therapists Who Use the Model of Human Occupation. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*. 62:1.
- Taylor, R., **Fisher, G.**, & Kielhofner, G. (2005). Synthesizing research, education, and practice according to the Scholarship of Practice Model: Two faculty examples. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*, 17:1/2.
- Braveman, B.H., Helfrich, C.A., & **Fisher, G.S.** (2001) Developing and maintaining community partnerships within a scholarship of practice. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*, 15 (1/2): 109-125.
- Helfrich, C.A., **Fisher, G.**, & Kielhofner, G. (2000) Definitions of allied health services in urban community contexts: Consumer perspectives. *Journal of Allied Health*, 29:71-78.
- Velozo, C.A., Kielhofner, G., *Gern, A., Lin, F.L., Azhar, F., Lai, J.S., & **Fisher, G.** (1999) Worker Role Interview: Toward validation of a psychosocial work-related measure. *Journal of Occupational Rehabilitation*, 9 (3), 153-168.
- Fisher, G.S.** (1999). Administration and application of the Worker Role Interview: looking beyond functional capacity. *Work*, 12 (1), 25-36.

Kielhofner, G., Braveman, B., Baron, K., **Fisher, G.**, Hammel, J., & Littleton, M. (1999) The model of human occupation: Understanding the worker who is injured or disabled. *Work*, 12, (1), 3 - 11.

Braveman, B.H. & **Fisher, G.S.** (1997) Managed care: Survival skills for the future. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*, 10(4), 13-31.

Refereed Abstracts and Conference Proceedings

Walsh, R., Asari, A., **Fisher, G.**, & Leland, N. (2019) Bundled payment for total joint arthroplasties and post-acute care utilization: A scoping review. Late Breaking Systematic and Meta-Analytic Review Poster 1143041. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*. Volume 100, Issue 12, Page e214 [https://www.archives-pmr.org/article/S0003-9993\(19\)31288-2/fulltext](https://www.archives-pmr.org/article/S0003-9993(19)31288-2/fulltext)

Fisher, G., & Keehn, M. (2009) Workforce Trends in Occupational & Physical Therapy. *Abstracts of the AcademyHealth 2009 Annual Research Meeting*.

Invited Book Chapters

Robinson, M. & **Fisher, G.** (2022). Understanding health care systems and practice contexts. In B. Braveman (Ed.), *Leading and Managing Occupational Therapy Service: An Evidence-Based Approach*, 3rd Edition. F.A. Davis.

O'Brien, J., Stoffel, A., **Fisher, G.**, & Iwama, M. (2019). Occupation-centered practice models. In N. Carson (Ed.), *Psychosocial Occupational Therapy*. Elsevier.

Sood, D., **Fisher, G.**, Mahaffey, L., Wong, S., Baum, C., & Cada E. (2017). Occupation-focused models. In A. Dsouza, R. Galvano, & E. L. Ramugondo (Eds.) *Concepts in Occupational Therapy: Understanding Southern Perspectives*. Udupi, Karnataka, India: Manali Universal Press. (Fourth author is a former PhD student).

Fisher, G., Parkinson, S., & Haglund, L. (2017). The environment and human occupation. In R. Taylor (Ed.) *Kielhofner's Model of Human Occupation: Theory and application* (5th Ed.). Philadelphia: Wolters Kluwer Health/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

Parkinson, S., Cooper, J., de las Heras de Pablo, C., Duffy, N., Bowyer, P., **Fisher, G.**, & Forsyth, K. (2017). Assessments combining methods of information gathering. In R. Taylor (Ed.) *Kielhofner's Model of Human Occupation: Theory and application* (5th Ed.). Philadelphia: Wolters Kluwer Health/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

Fisher, G. & Braveman, B. (2016). Understanding health care systems and practice contexts. In B. Braveman (Ed.), *An Evidence-Based Approach to Leading and Managing Occupational Therapy Services*, 2nd Edition. F.A. Davis.

Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Muñoz, J.M., & **Fisher, G.** (2006). Building Culturally Competent Community-University Partnerships for Occupational Therapy Scholarship and Practice. In G. Kielhofner (Ed.), *Scholarship in Occupational Therapy: Methods of Inquiry for Enhancing Practice*. Philadelphia: F.A. Davis.

Fisher, G. & Braveman, B. (2005). Understanding Health Systems and Practice Contexts. In B. Braveman (Ed.), *An Evidence Based Approach to Leading and Managing Occupational Therapy Services*. F.A. Davis.

Other Publications

Fisher, G. (2022). Looking back: The beginning of occupational therapy education at the University of Illinois Chicago. *Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Communiqué*, 2022 Issue 2.

Fisher, G. (2021). ILOTA says farewell to Barbara Loomis, a highly esteemed and loyal member. *Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Communiqué*, 2021 Issue 1.

*Rigau, B., Dooling-Litfin, J., Scully, B., Killian, C., **Fisher, G.**, **McManus, B., & **Khetani, M.A. (2019). Building organizational capacity for research in early intervention. *ZERO TO THREE Journal*, 39(6), 54-61. **co-senior authorship

*Barker, N.C.S. & **Fisher, G.** (September 10, 2018). Take a stand with technology: Advocating for the profession with virtual “Hill Days”. *OT Practice*. Bethesda, MD: AOTA.

Fisher, G. (2017). University of Illinois at Chicago: 75 years of leadership in OT education. *Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Communiqué*, p. 23-24.

Stoffel, A., **Fisher, G.**, Preissner, K., Blackwell, C.D. (2017). OT Spotlight: Velma Reichenbach. *Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Communiqué*.

Kramer, J. & **Fisher, G.** (2009) Occupational Therapy. In Burch, S. (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of American Disability History*. New York: Facts on File, Inc.

Fisher, G. The Residential Environment Impact Survey. (2004, September) *AOTA Developmental Disabilities Special Interest Section Quarterly*, 27 (3): 1-4.

Fisher, G., & Cooksey, J. A. (2002, September). The occupational therapy workforce. Part two: Impact and action. *AOTA Administration and Management Special Interest Section Quarterly*, 18:1-3.

Fisher, G., & Cooksey, J. A. (2002, June). The occupational therapy workforce. Part one: Context and trends. *AOTA Administration and Management Special Interest Section Quarterly*, 18:1-4.

Monographs

Fisher, G., & Keehn, M. (2007) *Workforce Needs and Issues in Occupational and Physical Therapy*. UIC Midwest Center for Workforce Studies, Chicago, IL.

Fisher, G., Cooksey, J.A., Reed, M., & McClure, C. (2002) *Occupational Therapy in Illinois and National Workforce Trends*. Illinois Regional Health Workforce Center, Chicago, IL.

Assessments

Fisher, G., Forsyth, K., Harrison, M., Angarola, R., Kayhan, E., Noga, P., Johnson, C. & Irvine, L. (2014). *Residential Environment Impact Scale (REIS)*, version 4.0. Model of Human Occupation Clearinghouse, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago.

Note: This is the latest version of an assessment that I created in 2002 with two of my MS students, and which has since been validated through research by colleagues in Scotland. It is a tool for the therapist to evaluate how well community residential facilities for people with disabilities are meeting the needs of their residents. It is based on the Model of Human Occupation and has been translated into 3 languages.

Fisher, G., Kayhan, E., Noga, P., & Johnson, C. (2013). *The Residential Environment Impact Survey*, version 3.0. Model of Human Occupation Clearinghouse, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois at Chicago. Translated into 5 languages.

- Parkinson, S., **Fisher, G.**, & Fisher, J. (2011). *The Residential Environment Impact Survey-Short Form* version 2.2. Model of Human Occupation Clearinghouse, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- Fisher, G.**, Arriaga, P., Less, C., Lee, J. & Ashpole, E. (2008). *The Residential Environment Impact Survey*,_version 2.0. Model of Human Occupation Clearinghouse, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- Braveman, B., Robson, M., Velozo, C., Kielhofner, G., **Fisher, G.**, Forsyth, K., & *Kerschbaum, J. (2005). *The Worker Role Interview*, version 10.0. Model of Human Occupation Clearinghouse, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois at Chicago. Translated into 15 languages.
- Velozo, C.A., Kielhofner, G. and **Fisher, G.** (1998). *A User's Guide to the Worker Role Interview*, version 4.0. Model of Human Occupation Clearinghouse, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Article in Refereed Journal Under Review

- Harrison, M., Forsyth, K., Murray, A., Angarola, R., Henderson, S., Fitzpatrick, L., & **Fisher, G.**
Establishing the measurement properties of the Residential Environment Impact Scale (Version 4.0). *Scandinavian Journal of Occupational Therapy*.

Invited Chapters Under Review

Note: I was invited to be the lead author or co-author for the following six chapters which will be published in *Kielhofner's Model of Human Occupation: Theory and Application* (6th Ed.) text in 2023. This book is one of the most widely read occupational therapy theory text internationally.

- Bowyer, P., Wolske, J., Cabrera, J. P., & **Fisher, G.** Dimensions of doing. In R. R. Taylor (Ed.), *Kielhofner's Model of Human Occupation: Theory and application* (6th Ed.). Wolters Kluwer.
- Fisher, G.**, Haglund, L., & Ullah, M. M. The environment and human occupation. In R. R. Taylor (Ed.), *Kielhofner's Model of Human Occupation: Theory and application* (6th Ed.). Philadelphia: Wolters Kluwer Health/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.
- Fisher, G.**, Lin, T. T., Pritchard, K., Fischer, H., Stenger, J., Mulanthara, G., Nacht, A., & DiGiacomo, M. Applying the MOHO in outpatient physical rehabilitation, specialty care, and home settings. In R. R. Taylor (Ed.), *Kielhofner's Model of Human Occupation: Theory and application* (6th Ed.). Wolters Kluwer.
- Fisher, G.** Tham, K., Erikson, A., Fallahpour, M., & Wolske, J. Performance capacity and the lived body. In R. R. Taylor (Ed.), *Kielhofner's Model of Human Occupation: Theory and application* (6th Ed.). Wolters Kluwer.
- Lin, T. T., **Fisher, G.**, Arias, D., Pritchard, K., & Barry, M. Applying MOHO in inpatient settings: Working with adults with acute medical conditions or functional limitations. In R. R. Taylor (Ed.), *Kielhofner's Model of Human Occupation: Theory and application* (6th Ed.). Wolters Kluwer.
- Wolske, J., Raber, C., Pépin, G., & **Fisher, G.** Therapeutic reasoning with the Model of Human Occupation. In R. R. Taylor (Ed.), *Kielhofner's Model of Human Occupation: Theory and application* (6th Ed.). Wolters Kluwer.

PRESENTATIONS

* denotes the co-presenter was a student or recent graduate

Invited International Presentations

- August 2016 Invited International Presentation: “Enhancing Occupational Therapy Practice through Building Your Occupation-Focused Toolbox”. Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists “Lunch and Learn” webinar. (Fisher, G. & *Wong, S.)
- October 2012 Invited Keynote Presentation: “The Residential Environment Impact Survey (REIS) Instruments: Current Use and Future Development”, Third International Institute on the Model of Human Occupation, Stockholm, Sweden (Fisher, G. & *Kayhan, E.)

Invited National Presentations and Workshops

- October 2017 Invited Symposium Presentation: “The Model of Human Occupation: Over Time and Into the Future”. Fifth International Institute on the Model of Human Occupation, Houston TX (*Wolske, J., Taylor, R., & Fisher, G.)
Note: This is an international conference that is frequently held in the U.S. and which typically includes participants from 10 or more countries.
- April 2016 Invited Presentation: Pre-Conference Institute: “Evaluating the Impact of the Medicare Therapy Cap: A Natural Experiment”. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Chicago, IL. (Ottenbacher, K., Karmarkar, A., Reistetter, T., Fisher, G., Khetani, M., & Mroz, T.)
- September 2014 Invited General Session Presentation: “Empowerment through Political Action”. Kansas Occupational Therapy Association state conference. (Fisher, G.)
- January 2014 Invited Presentation: “Implications of the Affordable Care Act and OT’s Role in Political Action”, Duquesne University second year students. (Fisher, G.)
- April 2013 Invited Presentation: “Empowerment through Political Action”, American Occupational Therapy Association Academic Program Directors and Assembly of Student Delegates. (Fisher, G.)
- November 2012 Invited Presentation: Policy, “Advocacy, and the Future of Occupational Therapy”, AOTA Student Conclave, Cleveland OH (Fisher, G. & Metzler, C.)
- April 2012 Invited Keynote Presentation: “Advocacy: Speaking Up For Our Profession in the Changing Health Care System”, Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Jackson, MS (Fisher, G.)
- April 2012 Invited Keynote Presentation to the Mississippi student organization: “Shaping the Future of Occupational Therapy”, Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Jackson, MS (Fisher, G.)
- November 2011 Invited Presentation (via teleconference): “Shaping the Future of our Profession through Advocacy”, Belmont University, Department of Occupational Therapy, Nashville, Tennessee and University of Alabama at Birmingham. (Fisher, G.)
- January 2011 Invited Presentation: “Development and Use of the Residential Environment Impact Survey (REIS) for Group and Individual Homes”, Second Model of Human Occupation International Institute, Chicago, IL (Fisher, G.)

- October 2010 Invited Keynote Address: “Shaping the Future of our Profession through Advocacy”, Wisconsin Occupational Therapy Association conference, Mequon, WI (Fisher, G.)
- March 2010 Invited Keynote Address: “Shaping the Future of Occupational Therapy Under Health Care Reform”, Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association conference, Jackson, MS (Fisher, G.)
- November 2009 Invited Presentation: “Hot Topics: Health Care Reform and Advocacy”, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Department of Occupational Therapy. (Fisher, G.)
- October 2009 Invited Presentation: “Hot Topics: Health Care Reform and Advocacy”, Indiana Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN (Fisher, G.)
- February 2008 Invited Presentation (via teleconference): “Findings from an Occupational and Physical Therapy Workforce Study”, American Occupational Therapy Association Board of Directors, Bethesda, MD (Fisher, G. & Keehn, M.)
- November 2005 Invited Presentation: “The Occupational Therapy Workforce: Trends and Forecasting”, for the American Occupational Therapy Association Board of Directors, Bethesda, MD (Fisher, G. & Cooksey, J.)
- April 2005 Invited Panel Presentation: “Professional Trends and Career Updates in Occupational Therapy”, for the Central Association of Advisors for the Health Professions, Indianapolis, IN (Fisher, G.)
- October 2002 Invited Presentation: “Studying the Occupational Therapy Workforce”, for the American Occupational Therapy Association Board of Directors, Bethesda, MD (Fisher, G. & Cooksey, J.)
- November 2001 Invited Workshop: The Occupational Therapy Workforce: National and Regional Trends. A 2.5 hour workshop presented to the Heartland Occupational Therapy Fieldwork Alliance, a consortium of clinical educators and faculty from the Kansas City Kansas and Kansas City Missouri area. (Fisher, G.)
- April 2000 Invited Presentation: “An Overview of Workforce Supply and Demand Trends Affecting OTR and COTA Academic Programs”, presented at the national Professional and Technical OT Program Directors’ Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (Fisher, G.)

Invited State and Local Presentations

- April 2017 Invited Paper: “From Hull-House to Today: How Illinois Contributions Led the Way”. Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Centennial Celebration, Chicago, IL (Preissner, K. & Fisher, G.)
- September 2013 Invited Presentation: “Beyond Insurance: The Implications of the Affordable Care Act for OT and PT Practitioners Providing Services to Medicare Recipients”, University of Chicago Physical and Occupational Therapy Department. (Fisher, G.)
- June 2013 Invited Presentation: “Beyond Insurance: The Implications of the Affordable Care Act for OT Practitioners Providing Services to Medicare Recipients with Physical Disabilities or Health Conditions”, Chicago Area Council of Occupational Therapy Directors, Chicago, IL (Fisher, G.)

- May 2011 Invited Presentation: “Understanding Health Care Reform and the Affordable Care Act: How Will It Affect Occupational Therapy In Hospital Settings?”, Rush Presbyterian St. Lukes Medical Center, Chicago, IL (Fisher, G.)
- February 2011 Invited Presentation: “Health Care Reform Update For OT Directors: Opportunities And Challenges”, Chicago Area Council of Occupational Therapy Directors, Chicago, IL (Fisher, G.)
- November 2010 Invited Presentation: “Understanding the Opportunities and Challenges of Health Care Reform”, University of Chicago Physical and Occupational Therapy clinical department. ((Fisher, G.)
- November 2010 Invited Keynote Presentation: “Shaping the Future of our Profession through Advocacy”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Springfield, IL (Fisher, G. & *Horn, N.)
- December 2009 Invited Presentation: “Current Health Care Reform Initiatives and Their Effect on Occupational Therapy Services”, Chicago Area Council of Occupational Therapy Directors, Chicago, IL (Fisher, G.)
- October 2009 Invited Presentation: “Health Care Reform: Getting Involved and Shaping Our Future”, UIC alumni continuing education presentation, Chicago, IL (Fisher, G. & Braveman, B.)
- February 2008 Invited Presentation: “Workforce Needs and Issues in Occupational and Physical Therapy”, Illinois Hospital Association, Subgroup on Post-Acute Care (Fisher, G. & Keehn, M.)
- March 2007 Invited Presentation: “The Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Workforce: A Qualitative Assessment of Current Issues”, Chicagoland Physical Therapy Directors Forum (Keehn, M. & Fisher, G.)
- February 2007 Invited Presentation: “Occupational and Physical Therapy Workforce Issues and Trends”, Illinois Hospital Association, Subgroup on Post-Acute Care (Keehn, M. & Fisher, G.)
- January 2007 Invited Presentation: “A Study of the Occupational and Physical Therapy Workforce: Needs Assessment, Issues and Trends”, Invited speakers, Chicago Area Occupational Therapy Directors Group meeting (Fisher, G. & Keehn, M.)
- March 1988 Invited Panel Discussant: "Medical and Vocational Case Management", Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Spring Conference, Collinsville, IL (Fisher, G.)

Refereed International Presentations and Workshops

- August 2022 Refereed Poster: Habits and Health Promotion in Occupational Therapy: A Scoping Review”. 18th International Congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists. Paris, France (Hybrid Conference). (*Epley, E.E., *Wolske, J.J., Lee, J., Mirza, M., & Fisher, G.)
- October 2013 Refereed Poster: “Utilizing the Residential Environment Impact Survey to Identify How Supported Accommodation Facilitates Rehabilitation for People with Complex Mental Health Needs”. 2nd International Allied Health Professionals Conference 2013: Delivering Solutions and Demonstrating Impact for Global Health and Wellbeing. Edinburgh, Scotland (Harrison, M., Forsyth, K., Fisher, G., Irvine, L., Mountain, D, & Angarola, R.)

- June 2014 Refereed Guided Poster: “Utilizing the Residential Environment Impact Scale to Identify How Supported Accommodation Facilitates Rehabilitation for People with Complex Mental Health Needs”. International Congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT), Yokohama, Japan. (Harrison, M., Forsyth, K., Fisher, G., Irvine, L. Mountain, D., & Angarola R.)
- June 2014 Refereed Workshop: “The Residential Environment Impact Survey: Research and Application”. WFOT Congress, Yokohama, Japan, pre-conference workshop on the Model of Human Occupation. (Harrison, M. & Fisher, G.)

Refereed and Other National Presentations and Workshops

- April 2021 Refereed Short Course Presentation: Holistic Admissions Process and Outcomes in a Public Urban Research University. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference (online). (Stoffel, A., Fisher, G., & Arias, D.)
- October 2020 Refereed Platform Presentation: Holistic Admissions Process and Outcomes in a Public Urban Research University. AOTA Education Summit (online). (Fisher, G., Stoffel, A., & Arias, D.)
- April 2020 (Accepted but not presented, conference cancelled due to the pandemic)
Refereed Workshop: “New Opportunities for Occupational Therapy in Acute Care”. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Boston, MA (Pritchard, K., *Rudnitsky, K. & Fisher, G.)
- April 2020 (Accepted but not presented, conference cancelled due to the pandemic)
Refereed Research Poster: “Demonstrating OT's Value in Bundled Payment Models for Total Joint Arthroplasty Episodes: A Scoping Review & Recommendations”. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Boston, MA (*Walsh, R., Yahata, A., Fisher, G., & Leland, N.)
- November 2019 Refereed Scientific Poster: “Bundled Payment for Total Joint Arthroplasties and Post-Acute Care Utilization: A Scoping Review”. American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine annual conference, Chicago, IL (*Walsh, R., Yahata, A., Fisher, G., & Leland, N.E.)
- September 2019 Refereed Poster: “Application of the Updated Model of Human Occupation: Immediate, Local and Global Context”. Sixth International Institute on the Model of Human Occupation, Chicago, IL (Fisher, G. & *Morris, A.)
- April 2019 Refereed Workshop: “The Updated Model of Human Occupation: Supporting Occupation-Based and Client-Centered Practice”. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, New Orleans, LA (Fisher, G., *Wolske, J., & *Ouyang, R.)
- April 2019 Refereed Poster: “The Environment Component in the Updated Model of Human Occupation: Transformation and Practical Tools”. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, New Orleans, LA (Fisher, G., Parkinson, S., & Haglund, L.)
- April 2018 Refereed Short Course: “Occupational Therapy in Primary Care: Creating Pathways and Building Evidence”. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Salt Lake City, UT (Mirza, M., Gecht-Silver, M., *Lukaszewski, K., Muir, S., Fisher, G.)

- October 2017 Refereed Short Paper: “Environment in the Model of Human Occupation 5th Edition Transformation and Practical Tools”. Fifth International Institute on the Model of Human Occupation, Houston TX (Fisher, G., Parkinson, S., & Haglund, L.)
- October 2017 Refereed Short Paper: Paper: “MOHO and Program Development at UIC: Work in Progress”. Fifth International Institute on the Model of Human Occupation, Houston TX (Fisher, G., Stoffel, A., *Robinson, S., *Greif, A., & *Luangdilok, R.)
- October 2017 Refereed Poster: “Applying the Residential Environment Impact Scale in a Group Home to Determine How to Maximize Occupational Performance and Participation”. Fifth International Institute on the Model of Human Occupation, Houston TX (Fisher, G., Peters, D., Harrison, M., & Forsyth, K.)
- October 2017 Refereed Symposium: “Integrating MOHO Assessments across the UIC OT Curriculum”. Fifth International Institute on the Model of Human Occupation, Houston TX (Lee, J., Januszewski, C., Fisher, G., & Stoffel, A.)
- March 2017 Refereed Paper: “Twenty Years of the Medicare Part B Therapy Cap: Overuse, Oversight, and Overcoming”. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Philadelphia, PA. (Fisher, G., Adams, E. & Metzler, C.)
- March 2017 Refereed Poster: “Applying an Occupation-Focused Group Home Assessment: The Residential Environment Impact Scale”. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Philadelphia, PA. (Fisher, G. & Peters, D.)
- March 2017 Refereed Poster: “Occupational Therapy Beginnings at the Jane Addams Hull-House”. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Philadelphia, PA. (Preissner, K., Fisher, G., Stoffel, A., & *Blackwell, C.)
- April 2016 Refereed Short Course: “Enhancing Client-Centered Practice through Building Your Occupation-Based Toolbox”. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Chicago, IL. (Fisher, G., Sood, D., Olson, L., Mahaffey, L., & *Wong, S.)
- April 2016 Refereed Short Course: “Advancing Primary Care Practice through Application of Occupation-Based Models and Evidence”. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Chicago, IL. (Killian, C., Fisher, G., & Muir, S.)
- October 2015 Convener of Symposium and Refereed Paper: “From Survey to Scale: The International Development Process of the Residential Environment Impact Scale”. Fourth International Institute on the Model of Human Occupation, Indianapolis, Indiana. (Fisher, G., & Forsyth, K.)
- October 2015 Refereed Paper: “The Measurement Properties of the Residential Environment Impact Scale, Version 4.0”. Fourth International Institute on the Model of Human Occupation, Indianapolis, Indiana. (Forsyth, K., & Fisher, G.)
- April 2014 Refereed short course: “What is Rehabilitation Health Services Research?”, American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Baltimore, MD (Leland, N., Reistetter, T., Fisher, G. & Karmarkar, A.)
- April 2011 Refereed Workshop: “Understanding Health Care Reform And The Affordable Care Act: How Will It Affect Occupational Therapy Practice In Different Settings?”, American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (Fisher, G., Lamb, A., Richman, N., Espiritu, E. & Wright, J.)

- October 2010 Refereed Short Course: “Understanding the Opportunities and Challenges of Health Care Reform”, Wisconsin Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Mequon, WI (Fisher, G.)
- April 2010 Refereed Short Course: “Embracing Advocacy Roles: Preparing Occupational Therapy Students, Patients and Consumers to Speak Out”, American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Orlando FL (Fisher, G., *Ferguson, L., *Cook, P., *Smith, C.)
- June 2009 Refereed Poster Presentation: “Workforce Trends in Occupational & Physical Therapy”. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Chicago IL (Fisher, G. & Keehn, M.)
- April 2008 Refereed Short Course: “Assessing Workforce Needs in Occupational and Physical Therapy”, American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Long Beach, CA (Fisher, G. & Keehn, M.)
- June 2007 Refereed Scientific Paper: “Assessing Workforce Research Needs in Occupational and Physical Therapy”, PT 2007: Annual Conference & Exposition of the American Physical Therapy Association (Keehn, M. & Fisher, G.)
- April 2006 Refereed Presentation: “The Occupational Therapy Workforce: Analyzing Changing Trends in Academic Programs and Graduates”, American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Charlotte, NC (Fisher, G. & Cooksey, J.)
- May 2004 Refereed Presentation: “Consultative Approaches to Enhance Community Functioning of Adults with Developmental Disabilities”, American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Minneapolis, MN (Fisher, G., Epstein, C. & Herge, A.)
- June 2003 Refereed Presentation: “Occupational Therapy Workforce Issues in Rural Communities”, American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Washington, DC. (Fisher, G., Cooksey, J. & McClure, C.)
- November 2002 Presentation: “Building Scholarly Involvement in the Clinical Faculty Role”, AOTA Academic Program Directors Institute, Chicago, IL (Braveman, B., Fisher, G., Peterson, E. & Walens, D.)
- November 2002 Presentation: “Applying the Scholarship of Practice Model: A Clinical Faculty Member’s Perspective”, AOTA Academic Program Directors Institute, Chicago, IL (Fisher, G.)
- April 2000 Refereed Short Course: “Issues and Trends Affecting the Occupational Therapy Workforce”, American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA. (Fisher, G. & Cooksey, J.)
- April 2000 Refereed Workshop: “Working with Community Agencies: A Multilevel Approach”, American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA. (Fisher, G. & *Peters, D.)
- April 1999 Refereed Workshop: “Administration and Application of Two Work-Related Assessments”, American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN. (Fisher, G. & *Olson, L.)
- April 1999 Refereed Scientific Paper: “Definitions of Service in Urban Community Contexts”, American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN. (Helfrich, C., Kielhofner, G. & Fisher, G.)

- April 1997 Refereed Workshop: “Skills for Surviving in a Managed Care Environment”, American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Orlando, FL. (Braveman, B. & Fisher, G.)
- April 1992 Refereed Scientific Paper: "Work Readiness Program". American Occupational Therapy Association National Conference, Houston, TX. (Knight, C. & Fisher, G.)
- April 1989 Refereed Scientific Paper: "A Winning Combination: Occupational Therapists and Occupational Health Services", American Occupational Therapy Association Annual conference in Baltimore, MD (Fisher, G.)

Refereed and Other State and Local Presentations and Workshops

- November 2017 Refereed Short Course: “The Model of Human Occupation: A Foundation for Best Practice”. Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Normal, IL (* Wolske, J., Fisher, G. & Taylor, R.)
- March 2017 Paper: “Overview of Occupational Therapy in Primary Care” for a panel: “Occupational Therapy in Primary Care: Creating Pathways and Developing Evidence”. UIC Department of Occupational Therapy Scholarship of Practice Day. (Fisher, G.)
- November 2015 Refereed Short Course: “Enhancing Client-Centered Practice through Building Your Occupation-Based Toolbox”. Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Geneva, IL. (Fisher, G., Sood, D., Olson, L., Mahaffey, L. & *Wong, S.)
- March 2015 Convener and Panelist: “Becoming Leaders in Theory-Based Practice”. UIC Department of Occupational Therapy Scholarship of Practice Day. (Fisher, G.)
- November 2014 Poster: “Validating a New Residential Environment Impact Scale”. UIC College of Applied Health Sciences Research Day. (Fisher, G.)
- October 2013 Refereed workshop: “Implications of the Affordable Care Act’s Quality and Efficiency Initiatives for Occupational Therapy Managers and Practitioners”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Peoria, Illinois (Fisher, G. & Robinson, M.)
- May 2013 Refereed Poster: “The Residential Environment Impact Survey Instruments: Research in Progress”, Occupational Therapy Summit of Scholars, Hosted by University of Illinois at Chicago. (Fisher, G.)
- May 2013 Presentation: “The Affordable Care Act: Implications for Occupational Therapy and Other Allied Health Professions”, College of Applied Health Sciences Alumni Weekend, University of Illinois at Chicago. (Fisher, G.)
- November 2010 Short Course: “Understanding the Opportunities and Challenges of Health Care Reform”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Springfield, IL (Fisher, G.)
- November 2008 Refereed Short Course: “Speaking Out: Learning to Be an Advocate”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Springfield, IL (Fisher, G., *Ferguson, L., *Cook, P., *Marchetti, M. & *Schnabel, T.)
- November 2007 Refereed Short Course: “From Surplus to Shortage: Workforce Trends and Issues in Occupational and Physical Therapy”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Naperville, IL (Fisher, G. & Keehn, M.)

- September 2007 Presentation and Student Panel: Speaking Out: “The Occupational Therapist as Advocate”, Research Colloquium, UIC Department of Occupational Therapy (Fisher, G., *Boyle, K., *Ferguson, L., *Matavia, A. & *Nadel, D.)
- February 2007 Presentation: “Where our Paths Cross and Diverge: Occupational and Physical Therapy Roles, Issues and Perceptions”, Research Colloquium, UIC Department of Occupational Therapy (Fisher, G. & Keehn, M.)
- April 2006 Presentation: “Assessment of the Physical and Occupational Therapy Workforce”, UIC Department of Physical Therapy Research Seminar Series, Chicago, IL (Keehn, M. & Fisher, G.)
- April 2006 Presentation: “The Occupational Therapy Workforce: Trends and Issues”, UIC Department of Occupational Therapy Center of Research Colloquium, Chicago, IL (Fisher, G., Cooksey, J. & Keehn, M.)
- October 2005 Refereed Presentation: “The Residential Environment Impact Survey”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Oakbrook, IL (Fisher, G. & Less, C.)
- November 2001 Refereed Presentation: “State and National Trends in the Occupational Therapy Workforce”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, South Holland, IL (Fisher, G. & Cooksey, J.)
- November 2001 Refereed Presentation: “Expanding Community Services for Adults with Developmental Disabilities”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, South Holland, IL (*Hernandez, D. & Fisher, G.)
- November 2000 Workshop: “Preparing to Enter Community Practice: A Multilevel Approach”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Galena, IL. (Fisher, G. & *Peters, D.)
- November 1999 Refereed Workshop: “Current Workforce Issues in Occupational Therapy”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Galena, IL. (Fisher, G.)
- March 1999 Refereed Scientific Paper: ““Definitions of Service in Urban Community Contexts”, UIC College of Health and Human Development Sciences Research Forum, Chicago, IL. (Fisher, G., Helfrich, C. & Kielhofner, G.)
- March 1994 Presentation: "The Americans with Disabilities Act: Implications for Occupational Therapy Practice and Education." UIC Center of Research Colloquium. (Fisher, G.)
- August 1993 Presentation: "Preparing Occupational Therapy Students for Work Related Practice." UIC Occupational Therapy Department Symposium. (Fisher, G.)
- October 1988 Refereed Scientific paper: "Occupational Health Services", Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Fall Conference (Fisher, G.)
- May 1987 Refereed Workshop: "Approaching a Solution...Work Capacity Evaluation", National Rehabilitation Association Great Lakes Regional Conference, Chicago, IL (Fisher, G. & Byrne, D.)

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Teaching and Advising: Graduate Professional Level/Entry-Level

- OT 500: Theories of Occupational Therapy (4 cr). Sole instructor, 2011 to 2021.
- OT 524: Contexts of Occupational Therapy Practice (2 cr). Creator of course and sole instructor, 2001 to 2022. Formerly taught an earlier version, OT 325, to BS in OT students from 1988 to 2000.
- OT 507: Introduction to Occupational Therapy Practice (2 cr). Co-creator and co-instructor, 2000-2012.
- OT 594, Special Topics, Interprofessional Collaboration in HIV Care (2 cr). Co-instructor, 2017-2020. Interprofessional education hybrid course on prevention and care for people who have or are at risk for HIV.
- OT 515: Synthesis I (1cr). Facilitator for problem-based learning course, 2010-12
- OT 420: Community practicum (1 cr). Supervised students who completed a practicum at a community agency, focus was on urban underserved populations, 2000-2005.
- Academic and career advisor for 10-20 professional master's students annually (2000 – 2021)
- AHS Health and Diversity Academy (formerly Urban Allied Health Academy): coordinator for 15 to 30 students annually (2004 – 2022), supervised 6-8 fellows per year doing service learning in minority serving agencies and mentor them to prepare for a future career path working with underserved populations.
- Supervised final master's projects of 15 entry-level MS students (1999 – 2004).

Teaching and Advising: Post-professional Level

- Advisor and doctoral project committee chair for 7 post-professional OTD students (2015 to 2021).
- Doctoral project committee member for 21 post-professional OTD students (2006 to 2022).
- Master's thesis committee member for 18 post-professional MS students (1989 to 2004).

Teaching and Advising: Undergraduate Level

- Co-Instructor for OT350: Introduction to Occupational Therapy (3cr). Helped develop this course for undergraduate students who are considering a career in occupational therapy (2018).
- Provide 2-4 lectures per year to AHS 210: Introduction to Rehabilitation Sciences. Lectures cover the health care system, policy and payment, and implications for rehab professions (2014 to present).
- Advisor to the UIC pre-occupational therapy club, coach and mentor club officers, present to club members twice a year about admissions and occupational therapy practice (2011 to 2021).
- Honors College Faculty Fellow, mentored 2-4 undergraduates a year (2017 to 2021).

ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2002 to 2022: Associate Department Head for Administration, assist with management of the academic unit as directed by the Head
- 1989-2002: Coordinator and Director of Entry-Level Education, oversaw program accreditation, curriculum development and implementation, hiring and supervision of faculty, and student affairs

Administrative Responsibilities while Associate Department Head

- Ex-officio member of the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Department Head
- In preparation for launching a new entry-level OTD degree in Fall 2022, co-author and review documents, and assist with workload calculation and planning to support degree implementation
- Director of Professional Program Admissions (1988-2021) and Coordinator of Entry-level OTD Admissions and student recruitment while training the next Director of Admissions (2021-2022). Includes design and implementation of a holistic admissions process, application processing, student selection, student recruitment, and co-supervision of the senior academic advisor,
- Coordinate communication and fund raising with alumni, donors, and the AHS Office of Advancement
- Assist with departmental publications and marketing efforts
- Administer scholarships and conduct student appeals as chair of the Academic Standing Committee
- Assist with financial approvals and business-related oversight

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- 2022 – present Mentor, Leadership Development Program of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association
- 2022 – present Member of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Awards Committee
- 2021 – present Member of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Advocacy Task Force to advocate for increasing the Medicaid payment rate for outpatient occupational therapy in Illinois
- 2016 – present Invited reviewer for professional journals:
- Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
 - Australian Journal of Occupational Therapy
 - Medical Care Research and Review
 - Occupational Therapy in Health Care
 - Occupational Therapy Journal of Research
 - Physical and Occupational Therapy in Geriatrics
 - Scandinavian Journal of Occupational Therapy
- 1992 – present Member of the Archives Committee of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association
- 2015 – 2020 Invited Member, AOTPAC Ambassadors, American Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee
- 2017 – 2019 Interim chair of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee
- 2016 – 2017 Invited member of the AOTA Centennial Archives Advisory Board
- 2012 - 2015 Chair, Board of Directors, American Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee
- 2009 - 2012 Board of Directors, American Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee, Region III representative, Secretary 2010 - 2011
- 1985 - 2011 Founding Treasurer for the Illinois Occupational Therapists Political Action Committee
- 2004 - 2006 Chair of the Archives Committee of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association
- 1986 - 1999 Reviewer of conference proposals for the American Occupational Therapy Association annual meeting
- 1995 - 1996 Chair of the Local Student Committee and member of the AOTA Conference Executive Planning Committee for 1996 AOTA Conference in Chicago
- 1986 - 1989 Co-chair of the vocational rehabilitation task force of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association, to respond to pertinent pending legislation
- 1987 - 1989 Finance Chair for the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association
- 1988 Chair - program committee for the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association conference
- 1983 - 1987 Treasurer of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association
- 1981 - 1982 Chair of the Fox Valley region of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association
- 1979 – present Member of the American and Illinois Occupational Therapy Associations

CAMPUS COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

- 2021 – 2022 Invited member of the selection committee for the UIC Award for Excellence in Teaching
- 2011 – 2022 Faculty advisor for the UIC Pre-Occupational Therapy Club
- 2018-19, 2021 Invited Panelist: P&T Mentoring Workshop for Non-Tenure Track Faculty at the Vice-Provost for Faculty Affairs P & T workshop and UIC New Faculty Orientation
- 2017 – 2021 Honors College Faculty Fellow and Capstone Advisor, and interviewer of prospective Honors College incoming undergraduate students (2018 & 2019)
- 2017 – 2021 Facilitator, UIC Interprofessional Education Day
- 2010 – 2012 Member, UIC Diversity Strategic Thinking and Planning Committee, representing the College of Applied Health Sciences
- 2009 – 2012 Member, Council for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
- 2009, 2012, 2013, & 2016
Member, Search Committee for the Director of Advancement for the College of Applied Health Sciences
- 2004 – 2005 Member, Academic Assessment Committee, NCA Accreditation
- 1989 - 2001 Member, University of Illinois at Chicago Chancellor's Committee on the Status of People with Disabilities (Campus Programs Subcommittee Chair, 1990-1991; Disability Policy liaison 1995 – 2000)
- 1993 - 1995 Chair, UIC Americans with Disabilities Act Task Force on Academic Programs and Services

COLLEGE OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

- 2021 – 2022 Member, Search Committee for the Head of the Department of Occupational Therapy
- 2017 – 2022 Member, Academic Affairs Committee
- 2005 – 2021 Coordinator for Department of Occupational Therapy participation in the AHS Health and Diversity Academy (previously the Urban Allied Health Academy) and member of the AHS Health and Diversity Academy Steering Committee 2005-2018
- 1988–1992, 1996–2004, & 2017–2019 Member, Executive Committee
- 2004 – 2006, & 2016–2017 Alternate member, Executive Committee
- 2015 – 2016 Member, Department Head 5 Year Review Committee
- 2009 – 2014 Member, Diversity Task Force Steering Committee (Chair, April 2010 to May 2012)
- 2008 – 2009 Member, Planning committee for the 30th anniversary of the College
- 1988 – 1992 Member, College of Applied Health Sciences Student Affairs Committee, Committee Co-Chair 2009 – 2010
& 2000–2012

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES: LEADERSHIP ROLES

Chair, Academic Standing Committee (2007 - 2022)

Chair, Archives Committee (2006 - 2022)

Co-Chair, Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Academic Committee (formerly named the Diversity and Student Recruitment Committee) (2001 – 2022)

Chair, Admissions Committee (1988 – 2021)

Chair, Faculty Search Committee (1993, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2013, 2014, 2020)

Chair, Academic Resources Committee (2004 – 2009)

Chair, Curriculum Development Committee (1989 – 1997, 2000 – 2002)

Chair, Student Life Committee (1996 – 2001) (faculty advisor to class officers)

Co-Chair, Curriculum Evaluation and Teaching Excellence Committee (1990 – 2001)

Chair, Teaching Forum and Instructors' Group (1989 – 2000)

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES: MEMBERSHIP

Strategic Planning Work Group for Goals 1 and 4 (2020 – 2022)

Faculty Advisory Committee (ex-officio member) (2018 – 2022)

Website Committee 2003 - 2008, 2016 – 2022

Promotion and Tenure Committee (2001 – 2022)

Public Relations and Marketing (2001 – 2022)

Bridge to the Faculty Search Committee (2020 – 2022)

Faculty Practice Planning Committee (2015-1018)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

1998 – present Pro bono clinical and program consultant for El Valor, a primarily Hispanic serving agency for people with disabilities in Pilsen. Assisted with grant writing, accreditation reports and on site evaluations, establishing student practica, program and staff development, and strategic planning. Provided consultation and supervision of students doing community practica or service learning at residential and day treatment programs for adults with intellectual/ developmental disabilities (1998 to 2021).

2014 – 2021 Provided program consultation, established and supervised student practica at St. Leonard's Ministries Michael Barlow Education Center and Grace House, serving formerly incarcerated adults transitioning to community living and employment

2010 – 2011 Member of the Post-Acute Care Committee of the Illinois Hospital Association

- 2007 – 2011 Member of the Post-Acute Care Workforce Subcommittee of the Illinois Hospital Association
- 1999 – 2001 Advisory Board member for the Illinois Community College Board Allied Health Initiative
- 1991 - 2001 Member, Chicago State University Advisory Board
- 1994 - 1995 Co-chair, Illinois Articulation Initiative for Allied Health, Occupational Therapy Panel

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

Occupational Therapist, Registered in Illinois: #056-000729